



MURRAYS BAY SAILING CLUB

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2024 STARLING MATCH RACING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - NORTH HARBOUR TRIALS

Saturday 2nd March, 2024

The Organising Authority is the Murrays Bay Sailing Club (Inc)
511 Beach Road, Murrays Bay, Auckland 0630 New Zealand

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix C, *Match Racing Rules* shall apply.
- 1.3 [NP] The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part I shall apply.
- 1.4 [DP] The *Rules for the Handling of Boats* and the *Equipment List*, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing.
- 1.5 Appendix A of the *Rules for the Starling Match Racing Championship* shall apply (see <http://www.starling.org.nz/>). RRS C8.5 and C10 are changed by the *Rules for the Starling Match Racing Championship* when a competitor is unable to race.
- 1.6 The Starling class rules will not apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the online official notice board after 1800 on Wednesday 28th February 2024.
Paper copies will not be issued to competitors.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.murraysbay.org>
Notices to competitors may also be posted on the Stack Teams App MBSC Chat Group "NH Starling MR."
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 To be eligible to compete, each competitor must be under 19 years of age on 16th April 2024.
- 4.2 Entry is limited to 16 competitors.
- 4.3 There is no Entry Form. Interested competitors should contact the Starling Class Rep no later than 1700 hrs on Tuesday 27 February 2024.
- 4.4 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's Member National Authority (MNA).

5 ENTRY

5.1 Entering

To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, crew weighing and pay all fees and deposits.

5.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of NZD \$20 shall be paid by 1700 hrs on Thursday 29 February 2024.

6 EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1 Each competitor shall supply their own boat, sail and equipment.
- 6.2 Competitors shall sail their own boat.
- 6.4 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 6.5 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, and finishing downwind.
- 6.6 The intended racing area is the Hauraki Gulf off Murrays Bay, but may be changed at the discretion of the RC to suit the conditions. The location of the event venue is shown in Addendum A, and the approximate location of the racing area is shown in Addendum B.
- 6.8
 - a) Skippers will be seeded into a round robin by the RC.
 - b) After the First Stage the following will apply:
 - (1) Skippers will be paired based on ranking in the First Stage with the highest ranked skipper paired with the lowest and the other skippers paired accordingly, unless the stage specifies a different arrangement.
 - (2) In reference to RRS C4.1, the highest ranked skipper from the first stage shall choose their end for the first match and boats shall alternate every odd match.
 - (3) Further matches in a series will not be sailed once the first skipper scores the points required for that stage.
- 6.9 The event will consist of the following stages:
 - a) First Stage – Round Robin
 - (1) All skippers will sail a round robin.
 - (2) The four highest scoring skippers shall qualify for the next stage.
 - b) Second Stage – Knock-Out Semi-Finals
 - (1) The highest placed skipper from Stage One shall select their opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
 - (2) The first skipper of each series to score at least 2 points shall proceed to the Final Stage, the losing skippers shall proceed to the Third and Fourth Place Stage.
 - c) Third Stage – Knock-Out Third and Fourth Place



- (1) The losing semi-finalists shall race to determine third and fourth place.
- (2) The first skipper to score at least 2 points shall be awarded third place, the losing skipper awarded fourth place.

d) **Forth Stage – Knock-Out Final**

- (1) The first skipper to score at least 3 points shall be awarded first place, the losing skipper awarded second place.

6.10 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage, or the event, when, in its opinion, it is impracticable to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

7 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

7.1 The event will be held on Saturday 2nd March.

Saturday 2nd March

0830	Briefing
1000	First race
1700 (approx.)	Prize Giving Ceremony – after the conclusion of racing

- a) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600 hrs.
- b) The prize giving will be held on Saturday 2nd March after the conclusion of racing, at approximately 1700 hrs.

7.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a) Initial briefing for all skippers.
- b) Daily briefings, for all skippers.
- c) Prize giving for all skippers.

8 ADVERTISING

8.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

9 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

9.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into dispute.

9.2 Competitors and Support Persons shall handle any equipment provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

10 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

10.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

10.2 Support person vessels shall stay approximately 50m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from officials.

10.3 Any interference by a support vessel or crew with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the associated skipper.



- 10.4 All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the OA.

11 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 11.1 All those who take part in the regatta as competitors as well as support persons or spectators agree to be overflowed by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).
- 11.2 By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation

12 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.” By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes**

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 All those taking part in MBSC races or any other sailing events controlled by the MBSC, as between the MBSC and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the MBSC and any sponsor associated with this event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The MBSC and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper. The MBSC reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry.

14 [NP] [DP] INSURANCE

- 14.1 Yachting New Zealand recommends that each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 The first placed skipper in the final results will be represent North Harbour in the 2024 Starling Match Racing National Championships.
- 15.2 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.



16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact;

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Date: 26 February 2024



ADDENDUM A

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF EVENT VENUE



 - **Murrays Bay Sailing Club**

511 Beach Road
Murrays Bay
Auckland



ADDENDUM B

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE INTENDED RACING AREA



- Approximate intended racing area

Note: While this is the intended racing area, the RC may race in other areas of the Hauraki Gulf if conditions impact the intended racing area.